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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – JANUARY 2019 UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.70 billion pounds in January, up 2 percent from the 4.59 billion pounds produced in January 2018.

Beef production, at 2.31 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.83 million head, up 3 percent from January 2018. The average live weight was down 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,363 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.6 million pounds, 1 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 53,800 head, 10 percent above January 2018. The average live weight was down 22 pounds from last year, at 213 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.37 billion pounds, 4 percent above the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.0 million head, 3 percent above January 2018. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 288 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.5 million pounds, was slightly below January 2018. Sheep slaughter totaled 186,800 head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, down 8 pounds from January a year ago.

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